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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

25 January 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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SUBJECT:

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1. In view of the need for more accurate estimation of the industrial potential and rates of production in the USSR and its satellites, particularly as regards material, General Smith has requested this office to undertake, in collaboration with the interested agencies, a survey of the efforts being made to approach this problem throughout the Federal Intelligence System

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2. It will be appreciated if you will provide to this office by 1 February 1951 a statement as complete as possible regarding the extent of your interest in this problem and the measures for explicitation and research analysis

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3. The specific information desired includes:

a. A listing of items you are subjecting to such research analysis;

b. The volume of data on hand on each item;

c. The rate of processing;

d. The personnel involved in analysis;

e. The techniques and methodology of analysis;

f. An evaluation of results achieved;

g. Suggestions for improvement of field collection activities and analysis techniques.

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